



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-50

National Parks and Recreation Month

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Charles County, offering spaces that promote health, wellness, and opportunities for people of all ages to connect with each other; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs help cultivate lifelong friendships, memories and family bonds that people hold dear for decades.

WHEREAS programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programs, youth sports and environmental education, are vital to childhood development and community engagement; and

WHEREAS these programs promote good mental health by fostering time spent outdoors, alleviating stress-related conditions and illness such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's while also increasing cognitive performance and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation contribute to the community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction while also providing adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas protect the ecological beauty of our community, provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and support the environmental well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS Charles County recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND,
do hereby proclaim July 2025 as **National Park and Recreation Month** in Charles County.

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